

and which I want to stress once again—which is that this is not an overnight, 2- or 3-month exercise. We all realize that rebuilding this region is going to take a significant amount of time and a tremendous amount of resources and a lot of thought and an intelligent process.

We need to set up, I believe as we move forward—obviously, not within the next few days but certainly within the next month—some type of structured commission along the lines I would suggest as was done after the horrific floods of 1926 when Herbert Hoover led the effort, where you basically have a central focal point with an individual of great ability and national recognition leading the effort, and basically manage the Federal dollars as they come in from all the various Federal agencies that will be impacted, and make sure those Federal dollars are effectively, efficiently, and quickly brought to bear on the problems in concert with the State and local governments.

I believe that is going to take a separate type of entity to be created. I think we should be thinking about how to structure that entity. I would certainly be looking to people such as Senator COCHRAN, Senator LOTT, Senator SHELBY, Senator SESSIONS, and the Senators from Louisiana, Ms. LANDRIEU and Mr. VITTER, for ideas about how we should set that up. We should be starting the process.

I wanted to come to the floor and say, as we move forward on this supplemental—obviously, it is totally outside of the budget. It is an emergency, and that is the way it should be done, but it is \$50 billion—it is important that we retain this language—and I guess we will try to move this supplemental through the Senate without amendment—retain this language which makes sure that the Inspector General has the resources the office needs in order to effectively monitor how these funds are managed; to make sure we are getting the best return in the most prompt way for these tax dollars which are in such dire need down there in order to pursue the reconstruction and relief effort.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

#### MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H.R. 2862, which the clerk will report by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2862) making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment to strike all after enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

(Strike the part shown in black brackets and insert the part shown in italic.)

#### H.R. 2862

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

[That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, namely:

#### [TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

##### [GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

##### [SALARIES AND EXPENSES

[For expenses necessary for the administration of the Department of Justice, \$126,956,000 (reduced by \$2,500,000), of which not to exceed \$3,317,000 is for the Facilities Program 2000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That not to exceed 45 permanent positions and 46 full-time equivalent workyears and \$11,821,000 shall be expended for the Department Leadership Program exclusive of augmentation that occurred in these offices in fiscal year 2005: *Provided further*, That not to exceed 28 permanent positions, 23 full-time equivalent workyears and \$3,980,000 shall be expended for the Office of Legislative Affairs: *Provided further*, That not to exceed 17 permanent positions, 22 full-time equivalent workyears and \$2,764,000 shall be expended for the Office of Public Affairs: *Provided further*, That the latter two aforementioned offices may utilize non-reimbursable details of career employees within the caps described in the preceding two provisos.

##### [JUSTICE INFORMATION SHARING TECHNOLOGY

[For necessary expenses for information sharing technology, including planning, development, deployment and Departmental direction, \$135,000,000, to remain available until expended.

##### [NARROWBAND COMMUNICATIONS/INTEGRATED WIRELESS NETWORK

[For the costs of conversion to narrowband communications, including the cost for operation and maintenance of Land Mobile Radio legacy systems, \$110,000,000 (reduced by \$39,126,000), to remain available until September 30, 2007: *Provided*, That the Attorney General shall transfer to the "Narrowband Communications" account all funds made available to the Department of Justice for the purchase of portable and mobile radios: *Provided further*, That any transfer made under the preceding proviso shall be subject to section 605 of this Act.

##### [ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AND APPEALS

[For expenses necessary for the administration of pardon and clemency petitions and immigration-related activities, \$215,685,000.

##### [DETENTION TRUSTEE

[For necessary expenses of the Federal Detention Trustee, \$1,222,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Trustee shall be responsible for managing the Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System and for overseeing housing related to such detention: *Provided further*, That any unobligated balances available in prior years from the funds appropriated under the heading "Federal Prisoner Detention" shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation under the heading "Detention Trustee" and shall be available until expended.

##### [OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

[For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General, \$66,801,000, including not to exceed \$10,000 to meet unforeseen emergencies of a confidential character.

##### [UNITED STATES PAROLE COMMISSION

##### [SALARIES AND EXPENSES

[For necessary expenses of the United States Parole Commission as authorized, \$11,200,000.

##### [LEGAL ACTIVITIES

##### [SALARIES AND EXPENSES, GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES

[For expenses necessary for the legal activities of the Department of Justice, not otherwise provided for, including not to exceed \$20,000 for expenses of collecting evidence, to be expended under the direction of, and to be accounted for solely under the certificate of, the Attorney General; and rent of private or Government-owned space in the District of Columbia, \$665,821,000, of which not to exceed \$10,000,000 for litigation support contracts shall remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of the total amount appropriated, not to exceed \$1,000 shall be available to the United States National Central Bureau, INTERPOL, for official reception and representation expenses: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding section 105 of this Act, upon a determination by the Attorney General that emergent circumstances require additional funding for litigation activities of the Civil Division, the Attorney General may transfer such amounts to "Salaries and Expenses, General Legal Activities" from available appropriations for the current fiscal year for the Department of Justice, as may be necessary to respond to such circumstances: *Provided further*, That any transfer pursuant to the previous proviso shall be treated as a reprogramming under section 605 of this Act and shall not be available for obligation or expenditure except in compliance with the procedures set forth in that section.

[In addition, for reimbursement of expenses of the Department of Justice associated with processing cases under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, not to exceed \$6,333,000, to be appropriated from the Vaccine Injury Compensation Trust Fund.

##### [SALARIES AND EXPENSES, ANTITRUST DIVISION

[For expenses necessary for the enforcement of antitrust and kindred laws, \$144,451,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, not to exceed \$116,000,000 of offsetting collections derived from fees collected for premerger notification filings under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 (15 U.S.C. 18a), regardless of the year of collection, shall be retained and used for necessary expenses in this appropriation, and shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That the sum herein appropriated from the general fund shall be reduced as such offsetting collections are received during fiscal